



Clinical Congress News

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Presidential Address

Credo, conduct, credibility: Keys to ACS heritage and future

The reason the voices of the American College of Surgeons have been heard above loud declarations of others is, in one word, *credibility*... the message will be listened to only if it is not a self-centered expression of a vested interest and if it is appreciated that the College has a higher principle...that goes back to the credo that was stated forcefully at the beginning in 1912," Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS, the newly installed President of the College, said in his Presidential Address last evening.

Dr. Schwartz told the audience that the conduct of the Fellows of the Col-

lege has been a "continuous enactment" of principles that were articulated in its Articles of Incorporation, November 25, 1912: "...organized to establish and maintain an association of surgeons, not for pecuniary profit but for the benefit of humanity by advancing the science of surgery and the ethical and competent practice of its art...by establishing standards of hospitals, ... by aiding in better instruction of doctors, ... by formulating standards of medicine and methods for the improvement of all adverse conditions surrounding the ill and injured wherever found..." Dr. Schwartz stated that the conduct, actions, and accomplishments of Fel-

lows of the American College of Surgeons are crucial to success as the College embarks on a "meaningful transition."

During the address, which he delivered at the conclusion of Convocation ceremonies in the Hilton, Dr. Schwartz praised the efforts of two ACS Directors—C. Rollins Hanlon and Paul A. Ebert—who have "shepherded the development and accomplishments of the College."

Dr. Schwartz summarized the current educational activities of the College, culminating with the Congress. "The Clinical Congress remains the venue for dissemination of information, be it in the realm of basic re-

search, clinical research and technical instruction, ethical and humanistic concerns, socioeconomic issues, or practice management," he said.

"The panoply of the College's meaningful contributions to society transcends all surgical specialties and...is unique in its capability to articulate the position of surgery," Dr. Schwartz said.

"The time approaches when the future of this organization is to be left to others. The present state of the American College of Surgeons has far outstripped the past. The future, in your hands, will be one of exponential growth and luminescence," he concluded.

Dr. Sheldon named ACS President-Elect

George Frank Sheldon, MD, FACS, a former member of the Board of Regents, was named President-Elect yesterday afternoon at the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates that took place in McCormick Place South.

Dr. Sheldon, who is chair, department of surgery, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, will be installed as President of the American College of Surgeons at the 1998 Clinical Congress in Orlando, FL.

Dr. Sheldon received a medical degree in 1961 from Kansas University Medical School. He continued his medical training at the Mayo Clinic (1964-1965), University of California/San Francisco Medical Center (1965-1969), and was a research fellow at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Harvard University (1969-1971). He was assistant professor, associate professor, and professor in the department of surgery, University of California/San Francisco School of Medicine, from 1971 to 1984. Dr. Sheldon became

Zack D. Owens Distinguished Professor of Surgery and professor and chair, department of surgery, at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1984.

Dr. Sheldon became a Fellow in 1973, and has been an active participant and leader in College activities for 24 years. He became a Governor in 1976 and was named a Regent in 1984. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, the ACS Communications Committee, Scholarship Committee, Committee on Graduate Medical Education, Surgical Research and Education Committee, Professional Activities Committee, Pre- and Postoperative Care Committee, and the Fellows Leadership Society. As Editorial Advisor (1985 to 1993) to the *Bulletin* of ACS, he provided a leadership role in establishing the eclectic, timely, and scholarly content of the *Bulletin*.

Dr. Sheldon has served as chairman of the American Board of Surgery (1983), president of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (1984), member of the Council on

Graduate Medical Education, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (1986-1987), and president of the American Surgical Association (1995). He holds honorary memberships in the British Columbia Surgical Association, the Society of Clinical Surgeons, Royal College of Surgeons, Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, and the European Surgical Association.

In other actions taken yesterday, the Fellows named Josef E. Fischer, MD, FACS, Cincinnati, OH, as First Vice-President-Elect, and Julian T. Hoff, MD, FACS, Ann Arbor, MI, as Second Vice-President-Elect.

Dr. Fischer is Christian R. Holmes Professor and chairman, department of surgery, University of Cincinnati (OH) Medical Center. He is the recipient of this year's Distinguished Service Award (see article on page 2).

Dr. Hoff is professor of surgery and head, section of neurosurgery, University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor. He has been a member of the College since 1975, and has served as



Dr. Sheldon

Chair, Neurosurgery, Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems (1979-1985), and member of the Program Committee (1989-1994).

Dr. Fischer receives top ACS honor

The highest honor awarded by the American College of Surgeons (ACS)—the Distinguished Service Award—was presented to Josef E. Fischer, MD, FACS, of Cincinnati, OH, at the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates yesterday afternoon.

Throughout his career, Dr. Fischer has been acknowledged as a renowned scholar and surgical leader who is dedicated to his patients, to the community, and to advancing the science and skills of the surgical profession. His principal interests are gastrointestinal surgery; metabolism, especially as it relates to sepsis; nutritional support; liver disease; and cancer anorexia and cachexia.

As a Fellow of the College, Dr. Fischer has served the College in numerous capacities. He is currently a member of the ACS Board of Governors and has been the Chair of its Professional Liability Committee since 1993. He has served as Vice-Chair of the Pre- and Postoperative Care Committee; Chair of the Surgical Research and Education Committee, and has been a member of the Advisory Coun-

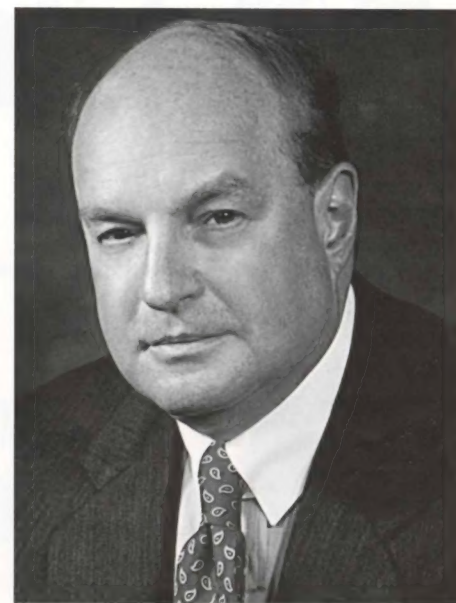
cil for Surgery, the SESAP Committee, the Conjoint Council on Surgical Research, and the College's CPT/Relative Work Value Committee. He has also been President of the Ohio Chapter, and for many years has tirelessly extended his voluntary services as a liaison between several major surgical societies and the American College of Surgeons.

A 1961 magna cum laude graduate of the Harvard Medical School, Dr. Fischer has served as the Christian R. Holmes professor and chairman of the department of surgery at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center since 1978. Prior to that, he was chief of the surgical physiology laboratory (1970-1978); chief of the hyperalimentation unit (1972-1978); and assistant surgeon (1973-1976) at Massachusetts General Hospital and associate professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School (1972 to 1975).

Dr. Fischer has been a member of the American Surgical Association since 1980, the Society of University Surgeons, the Central Surgical Association, the Southern Surgical Association, the American Society of Clinical Investigation, and the Association for Academic

Surgery since 1970. Dr. Fischer has been a dedicated participant in a number of eminent surgical societies, and he has served as president of several of them, including the Halsted Society (1995-1996), the Ohio Surgical Panel, Inc. (1992-1994), the Society for Parenteral Alimentation (1972-), and the Surgical Infection Society (1995-1996). He is currently chairman of the American Board of Surgery. He is an honorary member of numerous state and foreign surgical societies, and is the recipient of a number of honors, including an honorary medical degree from the University of Lund, Sweden. He holds an honorary FRCS(Edin) from the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

Dr. Fischer has written more than 700 publications, and he has edited eight books, including *Mastery of Surgery*, third edition, with Drs. Lloyd Nyhus and Robert Baker, in 1996. He has been a member of 15 editorial boards and he has served as an associate editor for the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* since 1995. He is also currently on the editorial board of several medical journals including



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Current Opinion in Surgery (1993); *American Journal of Surgery* (1978); *Current Surgery* (1978); *Nutrition* (1995); and *Shock* (1996).

The College's Board of Regents is pleased to recognize Dr. Fischer's outstanding contributions by naming him the 1997 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.



Between technical exhibits (above) and other educational offerings at the Clinical Congress, surgeons had ample opportunities to learn about issues and developments in their field.

The College looks forward to your return visit to its educational events (Spring Meeting, Apr. 26-29, 1998, Baltimore, MD, and Clinical Congress, Oct. 25-30, 1998, Orlando, FL).

Fellows are encouraged to send comments or inquiries about this year's meeting to: ACS, 55 E. Erie St., Chicago, IL 60611; tel. 312/664-4050. E-mail: gstrauch@facs.org.



At Postgraduate Course No. 22, Computers in Surgery (above), surgeons proficient at cutting and stitching learned to become adept at double-clicking as well. The hands-on course provides a practical, working knowledge of current computer concepts for the practicing general surgeon—an invaluable tool in the "computer age."

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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Circon Corporation

Closure Medical Corporation

Cogent Light Technologies, Inc.

Computer Motion, Inc.

Davol, Inc.

Elsevier Science

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Baltimore hosts 26th Spring Meeting

The 26th Annual ACS Spring Meeting will be held April 26-29, 1998, at the Baltimore (MD) Convention Center.

To emphasize its strong commitment to and support of general surgery, the American College of Surgeons devotes its annual Spring Meeting to the interests and needs of the practicing general surgeon.

The Advisory Council for Surgery has planned a program for the 1998 Spring Meeting that will be of interest to all general surgeons. Postgraduate practicum courses in "Image-Guided Breast Biopsy, Ultrasound for the General Surgeon," and "Operative Techniques in Trauma" (a cadaver laboratory practicum) will give hands-on introductions to these useful technologies that have become necessary tools for the modern general surgeon.

The Assembly for General Surgeons on Sunday, April 26, "Acquiring New Surgical Skills," will focus on the introduction of scientific advances and evolutions in surgical techniques into modern surgical practice. This interactive general session encourages discussion by all attendees and participants, so that the views of practicing general surgeons on the important issues facing surgery today can be shared.

Panels on colorectal cancer/surgical diseases of the pancreas, genetic testing for cancer, the surgeon's critical role, and blood-borne pathogens will be complemented by the popular didactic courses in current cancer management, minimal access surgery, and vascular surgery. The Film Program, "Best of the 1997 Clinical Congress," will round out an exciting spring program.

To enhance the educational value of this meeting, technical exhibits will again be displayed. More than 50 com-

panies will present products or services that relate to the practice of surgery.

Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Candidate Group members of the College will be receiving the 1998 Spring Meeting Advance Brochure and registration form in early January.

A preliminary program will be published in the January 1998 issue of the Bulletin. Further registration information may be obtained from the Assembly Department at College headquarters.

Registration fees

Fellows: No Fee

Associate Fellows: No Fee

Participants in ACS

Candidate Group: No Fee

Medical Students: No Fee

Guest Physicians: \$225

Residents and Allied Health: \$100

Commercial Representative: \$225

(Fees are subject to change)

Register online at <http://www.facs.org>

Continuing Education Credit

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The American College of Surgeons designates that this continuing medical education offering also meets the criteria for hour-for-hour credit in Category 1 as outlined by the American Medical Association for the Physician's Recognition Award.

1998 Preliminary Program

Sunday, April 26

ASSEMBLY FOR GENERAL SURGEONS

1:00-5:30 pm
Baltimore Convention Center
Baltimore, MD

Acquiring New Surgical Skills
Moderator: R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS
Charlottesville, VA

New Procedures: Evaluation, Adoption
C. James Carrico, MD, FACS
Dallas, TX

Dissemination of New Technology: Implications for Credentialing
Steven R. Shackford, MD, FACS
Burlington, VT

Ethical Issues of New Technology
Robert M. Tenery, MD, FACS
Dallas, TX

Liability Issues When New Technology Is Disseminated
Susan Adelman, MD, FACS
Detroit, MI

Monday, April 27

8:15-8:30 am
Welcome and Opening Remarks
R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS
Charlottesville, VA

8:30-10:30 am
General Session
Colorectal Cancer
Moderator: Richard C. Thirlby, MD, FACS
Seattle, WA

11:00 am-12:00 noon
Excelsior Surgical Society/Edward D. Churchill Lecture
Introducer: Hiram C. Polk, Jr., MD, FACS
Louisville, KY
Lecturer: Claude H. Organ, Jr., MD, FACS
Oakland, CA

12:00 noon-3:30 pm
Exhibits Open

1:30-5:00 pm
General Session
Surgical Disease of the Pancreas
Moderator: John L. Cameron, MD, FACS
Baltimore, MD

1:00-5:30 pm
POSTGRADUATE COURSE 2
Ultrasound for the General Surgeon (Lecture)
(A Hands-On Practicum)
Chair: Grace S. Rozycki, MD, FACS
Atlanta, GA

5:00-7:00 pm
Exhibits Open
(Reception)

7:00-9:30 pm
Film Program
Highlights from the 1997 Clinical Congress
Introduction: Gerald O. Strauch, MD, FACS
Chicago, IL

Tuesday, April 28

10:00 am-3:30 pm
Exhibits Open

7:30 am-5:30 pm
POSTGRADUATE COURSE 1

Image-Guided Breast Biopsy (A Hands-On Practicum)
Co-Chairs: Kambiz Dowlat, MD, FACS
Chicago, IL
Edgar D. Staren, MD, PhD, FACS
Chicago, IL

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 2

Ultrasound for the General Surgeon (A Hands-On Practicum)
Chair: Grace S. Rozycki, MD, FACS
Atlanta, GA

Workshops:
A) 7:30-9:30 am
B) 10:00 am-12:00 noon
C) 1:00-3:00 pm
D) 3:30-5:30 pm

8:30-11:30 am
POSTGRADUATE COURSE 6

Operative Techniques in Trauma (Lecture)
Chair: Aurelio Rodriguez, MD, FACS
Baltimore, MD
Workshop A: 1:00-5:30 pm

Each of the following Postgraduate Courses will be presented in two sessions:
Session I: 8:30 am-12:00 noon
Session II: 1:30-5:00 pm

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 3

Current Cancer Management
Chair: Jeffrey A. Norton, MD, FACS
San Francisco, CA

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 4

Minimal Access Surgery
Chair: Lee L. Swannstrom, MD, FACS
Portland, OR

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 5

Vascular Surgery, 1998
Chair: William Quinones-Baldrich, MD, FACS
Los Angeles, CA

8:30-10:30 am
General Session
Genetic Testing for Cancer: The Surgeon's Critical Role
Moderator: John E. Niederhuber, MD, FACS
Madison, WI

Wed., April 29

7:30 am-5:30 pm
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Chicago, IL

POSTGRADUATE COURSE 6

Operative Techniques in Trauma
Chair: Aurelio Rodriguez, MD, FACS
Baltimore, MD
Workshop B: 8:00 am-12:30 pm

9:00 am-12:00 noon
Plenary Session
Blood-Borne Pathogens
Moderator: Lewis M. Flint, MD, FACS
New Orleans, LA

Bulletins to feature meeting highlights

The November and December 1997 issues of the *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons* will publish several highlights from this year's Clinical Congress.

In the November issue will be information about ACS officers, Honorary Fellows, and the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. The Opening Ceremony Lecture, presented by Dr. Robb Rutledge, will also be published.

The December issue of the *Bulletin* will contain the Presidential Address and a feature article detailing many other events and activities at this meeting.

Registration totals

As of Thursday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 17,034. Of that number, 8,926 were physicians and the rest were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.

ACS Regents and Governors named

The ACS Board of Governors has elected Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS, Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS, and Mary H. McGrath, MD, FACS, as Regents of the College.

Dr. Copeland is Edward R. Woodard Professor and chairman, department of surgery, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, FL. He has served as chair of the Board of Governors, Young Surgeon's Committee, Committee on Medical Motion Pictures, and has been active on numerous other committees of the College. Dr. Copeland will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. Healy is otolaryngologist-in-chief and surgeon-in-chief, Children's Hospital, Boston, MA. He is a former chair of the Advisory Council for Otorhinolaryngology and has served as President of the College's Massachusetts Chapter. Dr. Healy will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. McGrath is professor of surgery and chief, division of plastic surgery, at The George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC. She has served as chair of the Advisory Council for Plastic Surgery and is currently active on the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, Regental Committee on Ethics, and Pre-and Post-operative Care Committee. Dr. McGrath will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Reelected to additional three-year terms as Regents were Roger S. Foster, Jr., MD, FACS, Atlanta, GA; Edward R. Laws, Jr., MD, FACS, Charlottesville, VA; Ronald E. Rosenthal, MD, FACS, New Hyde Park, NY; and Richard R. Sabo, MD, FACS, Bozeman, MT.

The Board of Governors reelected David L. Nahrwold, MD, FACS, to an additional one-year term as Chair; Henry L. Laws, MD, FACS, to an additional one-year term as Vice-Chair; and Amilu S. Rothhammer, MD, FACS, to an additional one-year term as Secretary.

In other actions, the Board of Governors named Sylvia D. Campbell, MD, FACS, and John N. Goodwin, MD, FACS, to initial two-year terms on the Executive Committee. Dr. Campbell is a general surgeon on staff at St. Joseph's Hospital, Tampa, FL. Dr. Goodwin is chief of cardiovascular surgery at Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center, Glendale, CA.

In addition, the following individuals were elected Governors:

Governors-at-Large

Herbert Berkoff, California; Douglas Grey, California; William Schecter, California; Steven Parks, California; Arthur Stanten, California; Thomas Berne, California; Jonathan Hiatt, California; Arthur Fleming, California; John Goodwin, California; John German, California; Michael Peetz, Colorado;



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John MacArthur, Connecticut; Rafael Zaragoza, Delaware; Daryl Wier, Florida; James Large, Florida; Frederick Schild, Florida; Martin Dalton, Jr., Georgia; Peter Schwab, Illinois; Philip Donahue, Illinois; Hernan Reyes, Illinois; Susan Luck, Illinois; William Turner, Jr., Indiana; Peter Jochimsen, Iowa; Douglas Milfeld, Kansas; Carl Bredenberg, Maine; Gardner Smith, Maryland; Frederick Walker, Maryland; Andrew Warshaw, Massachusetts; Baltej Maini, Massachusetts; Lee Britton, Michigan; Krishna Sawhney, Michigan; John Crighton, Missouri (for a one-year unexpired term ending in 1998); Hugh Gamble II, Mississippi; Robert Hurd, Montana; Joseph Thornton, Nevada; Rudolph Camishion, New Jersey; William Hardesty, New Jersey; Brian Miscall, New Mexico; Arthur Lerner, New York; John Savino, New York; Neil Lempert, New York; Walter Pizzi, New York; Antonio Alfonso, New York (for a one-year unexpired term ending in 1998); Joseph Cali, New York; Thomas Raftery, New York; Stuart Todd, North Carolina; Robert Zarrett, North Dakota; Christopher Ellison, Ohio; Michael Flynn, Jr., Ohio; Ross Irons, Ohio; Margaret Dunn, Ohio; James Lockhart, Jr., Oklahoma; Jonathan Rhoads, Jr., Pennsylvania; George Spaeth, Pennsylvania; Louis Vito, Rhode Island; Calvin Morgan, Jr., Tennessee; Robert Askew, Sr., Texas; Ronald Fischer, Texas; Anatolio Cruz, Jr., Texas; Richard Symmonds, Jr., Texas; Robert Sloane, Jr., Texas; William Turney, Texas; John Preskitt, Texas; George Parker, Virginia; Eric Mantz, West Virginia; Howard Mussell, Wyoming; Nathan Wiseman, Manitoba; Paul Dubois, New Brunswick; Alan Kwan, Newfoundland; William Thurlow II, Prince Edward Island; Krishna Kumar, Saskatchewan.

Specialty Governors

Robert Buchanan, American Association for Hand Surgery; Richard Winn, American Association of Neurological Surgeons; Edward Luce, American Association of Plastic Surgeons (for a two-



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year unexpired term ending in 1999); Bruce Browner, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; Kenneth Mattox, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma; William Baumgartner, American Association for Thoracic Surgery; Philip DiSaia, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Terry Light, American Orthopaedic Association; Alan Sugar, American Ophthalmological Society; Patrick O'Leary, Association of Program Directors in Surgery; Thomas Robbins, American Society for Head and Neck Surgery; Shaw Wilgis, American Society for Surgery of the Hand; John Allison, Association of VA Surgeons; Mary McCarthy, Association of Women Surgeons; Maurice Webb, Central Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Timothy Fabian, Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma; Willard Stawski, Midwest Surgical Association; Harold Bohman, De-



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partment of the Navy; Clive Callender, National Medical Association; Larry Hollier, Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery; Stanley Minken, Southeastern Surgical Congress; James Helsper, Society of Head and Neck Surgeons; Terry Hensle, Society for Pediatric Urology; John Cameron, Southern Surgical Association; Gayle Woodson, Society of University Otolaryngologists; Joel Roslyn, Society of University Surgeons; Jerome Richie, Society of University Urologists; Steven Guyton, Western Thoracic Surgical Association.

International Governors

Norman Browse, England; Jean Murat, France; Christian Herfarth, Germany; John Boey(me), Hong Kong; Sandip Mukerjee, India; S. Ahmadizadeh, Iran (for a one-year unexpired term ending in 1998); Jae Lew, Korea; Johannes Myburgh, South Africa; Jose Ribera Garbayo, Spain.



The International Relations Committee hosted a luncheon on Tuesday to honor the 1997 International Guest Scholars. From left to right (top row): Fabio Xerfan Nahas, MD, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Julian Anderson Smith, MS, FRACS, Prahan, Victoria, Australia; Ector Jaime Ramirez Barba, MC, MSc, PhD, FACS, Guanajuato, Mexico; and Bruno Carnaille, MD, Lille, France. Bottom row: Bernardo Mauricio Aizen, MD, Montevideo, Uruguay; Ashok Kumar Hemal, MS, MCh, New Delhi, India; Sambandam Elango, MB, BS, MS, FACS, Salalah, Oman, who is the Abdol Islami Scholar; and Apinop Chanvitan, MD, FRCS(T), Hat Yai, Songkhla, Thailand.